



NEWS RELEASE

**NELSON P. COHEN
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse • 222 W. 7th Avenue • Room 253 • Anchorage, AK 99513-7567 • (907) 271-5071

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, October 18, 2007**

#07-147

**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL
PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING METHAMPHETAMINE**

Anchorage, Alaska - United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, October 18, 2007, that Sompheth Phoummany, a resident of Anchorage, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 120 months in prison for his conviction of distributing methamphetamine. Phoummany previously pled guilty to the offense on July 23, 2007.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Phoummany, age 27.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Shawn C. Fuller, who prosecuted the case, the court was presented with evidence that on or about March 16, 2006, Phoummany traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, in order to acquire methamphetamine. Shortly after he arrived in Las Vegas, he acquired approximately 166 grams of methamphetamine, concealed it inside a package, and mailed the package to an individual living in Anchorage. Phoummany intended to distribute the methamphetamine upon his return to the area.

In addition to the 120 months imprisonment, Judge Beistline ordered that Phoummany be placed on five years supervised release following his release from incarceration.

Mr. Cohen commended the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, including members of the Anchorage Police Department, for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Phoummany.

###